

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE
Chapter 703: BIRTH RECORDS

§2766. STATEMENT OF BIRTH PARENTS' IDENTITY

A person 18 years of age or older, born and adopted in this State, may apply to the state registrar for a statement identifying his birth parents. The adoptee shall submit to the state registrar the following: [1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) .]

1. Proof. Proof that the birth parents are deceased;

[1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) .]

2. Affidavit. An affidavit from a blood relative who is not a sibling and who is at least 10 years older than the adoptee, verifying that the adoptee lived with the birth parents for 5 years; and

[1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) .]

3. Order. An order from the Probate Court or Superior Court authorizing the state registrar to open the original birth certificate to verify the identity of the birth parents.

[1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) .]

Upon verification of the information in this section, the state registrar shall prepare a form identifying the birth parents of the adoptee. This form must be attached to the new certificate of birth established pursuant to section 2765. A copy of the form must be attached to an abstract of birth issued by the Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics and must be provided to the adoptee. [2009 , c. 601 , §21 (AMD) .]

A statement of identification of the birth parents shall not affect the rights of inheritance and descent. The form shall contain the following words in a conspicuous place: "This statement shall not affect the rights of inheritance and descent of the adoptee." [1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1983 , c. 356 , (NEW) . 2001 , c. 574 , §25 (AMD) . 2009 , c. 601 , §21 (AMD) .

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